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SUBJECT: 1949 ARMISTICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEBANON AND ISRAEL
PLEASE BRING TO SECRETARY'S ATTENTION AFTER ARRIVAL
1. ISRAELI CHARGE BAR-0N INFORMED US THAT DAYAN HAD SENT A MESSAGE TO WALDHEIM ON ABOUT AUGUST 3 ASKING HIM TO LOOK INTO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER LEBANON MIGHT CONSIDER RE-CONFIRMING ITS ADHERENCE TO THE MARCH 23, 1949 ARMISTICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEBANON AND ISRAEL, IN SENSE THAT LEBANON WOULD EXPLICITLY RECONFIRM IT WOULD ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS IN ARTICLE III (PARAS 2 AND 3). BAR-ON PLACED ONLY ONE CAVEAT ON PASSING THIS INFORMATION WITHIN THE USG AND THAT WAS THAT THE SECRETARY SHOULD NOT VOLUNTEER THAT HE KNEW ABOUT THE LETTER TO WALDHEIM UNTIL WE WERE SURE THAT WALDHEIM HAD ACTUALLY RECEIVED THE
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LETTER. BAR-ON WAS NOT CERTAIN WHEN THIS WOULD OCCUR, GIVEN WALDHEIM'S TRAVELS.

2. COMMENT: THIS COULD BE A USEFUL ISRAELI INITIATIVE, SINCE IT COULD SET THE STAGE FOR MORE FREQUENT AND SYSTEMATIC USE OF ILMAC, WHICH THE ISRAELIS HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO USE. IN ADDITION, DAYAN MAY BE ANTICIPATING

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HOW TO DEAL WITH POSSIBLY NEW SITUATION CAUSED BY THE
INTRODUCTION OF LEBANESE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY INTO SOUTHERN

LEBANON.

3. TEXT OF RELEVANT TWO ARTICLES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE III -2. "NO ELEMENT OF THE LAND, SEA OR AIR
MILITARY OR PARA-MILITARY FORCES OF EITHER PARTY, INCLUD-
ING NON-REGULAR FORCES, SHALL COMMIT ANY WARLIKE OR
HOSTILE ACT AGAINST THE MILITARY OR PARA-MILITARY FORCES
OF THE OTHER PARTY, OR AGAINST CIVILIANS IN TERRITORY
UNDER THE CONTROL OF THAT PARTY; OR SHALL ADVANCE
BEYOND OR PASS OVER FOR ANY PURPOSE WHATSOEVER THE
ARMISTICE DEMARCATION LINE IS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE V OF
THIS AGREEMENT; OR ENTER INTO OR PASS THROUGH THE AIR
SPACE OF THE OTHER PARTY OR THROUGH THE WATERS WITHIN THREE
MILES OF THE COASTLINE OF THE OTHER PARTY."

ARTICLE III - 3. "NO WARLIKE ACT OR ACT OF HOSTILITY
SHALL BE CONDUCTED FROM TERRITORY CONTROLLED BY ONE OF
THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT AGAINST THE OTHER PARTY."
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